

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: June 21, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:46 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Greg Bowes
Vernon Brown
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Scott Schneider

Absent Members

Sherron Franklin

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 366, 2006 - appoints C L Day to the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 367, 2006 - reappoints D. Michael Wallman, as a lay person, to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

RPOPOSAL NO. 338, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$125,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (County General Fund) to allow the agency to hire four (4) full time attorneys to work on cases involving termination of parental rights (TPR) and children in need of services (CHINS)

“Postponed” until July 19, 2006

Vote: 7-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., with the following members present: Greg Bowes, Vernon Brown, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman and Scott Schneider. Absent was Sherron Franklin.

PROPOSAL NO. 366, 2006 - appoints C L Day to the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

Mr. Day explained his childhood history and said he received his Masters of Social Work from Indiana University. He headed the State of Indiana's Foster Care Program in Child Welfare and authored the first Indiana Foster Family Handbook. He said he is the founder and President of Neighbors Organized to Assist Humanity (N.O.A.H.), which is a faith-based licensed child placing agency.

Councillor Brown asked if Mr. Day is prepared for the demanding task of the advisory board. Mr. Day said he sees serving on the board as an opportunity to make life better for the community. Councillor Brown said there are a lot of people that are trying to make things better with the Juvenile Center, and he appreciates Mr. Day's willingness to help correct the problem.

Councillor Oliver said Mr. Day is an excellent candidate to have on the board to offer his expertise and assistance in the improvement of the Juvenile Detention Center.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 366, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 367, 2006 - reappoints D. Michael Wallman, as a lay person, to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Wallman said he has been on the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a full term and would be pleased to serve another term. He said he is in the private practice of law and spends some time representing public entities. He said he believes in the work of the advisory board, and pledges to do a good job again if given the opportunity.

Councillor Plowman asked for clarification on the definition of a lay person on this board. Dave Cook, Public Defender, said the statute has certain positions that are identified for specific office holders, and the lay persons are members from the community invited to be a board member.

Councillor Brown asked if Mr. Wallman enjoyed his first term based on his experience. Mr. Wallman replied in the affirmative and said he enjoyed the input and give-and-take

among the board members. He said he gained a deeper understanding of how difficult it is to run this organization on limited dollars.

Councillor Oliver asked Mr. Wallman if he has any suggestions to offer the advisory board. Mr. Wallman said he would advise the department to be flexible in spreading the limited dollars and refrain from criminalizing those that are already criminals.

Mr. Cook said he would like to see Mr. Wallman reappointed to the advisory board. He said Mr. Wallman has been a regular attendee to the meetings and is becoming a valuable member of the board.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 367, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Cook asked that this proposal be postponed. He said they have yet to figure out a way to cover the additional cases that will be left without lawyers with the passage of this proposal. He said the Office of Finance and Management is aware of his decision to postpone and has agreed that postponing would be the appropriate thing to do at this time.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 338, 2006 until July 19, 2006. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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